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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Building - Inquiry by GSA

1. The afternoon of 24 October, I received a telephone call from Mr. James B. C. Howe (Code 156, X2461) who is an attorney working for Mr. Moody, the Assistant General Counsel of the Public Buildings Service.

2. Howe stated that he had a copy of our memorandum of law on the question of who has the authority to construct the CIA building and that in answer to this, he had noticed in the Congressional hearings a reference to an earlier authorization that CIA had received for a building which had been unused because of lack of an appropriation.

3. After discussing the matter with Mr. Pforzheimer, I advised Mr. Howe by telephone that we had been given an authorization in an earlier year which was buried in authorizations to another department; that this authorization had never been used because no appropriation was granted, and that since the authorization contained no terms or qualifications, it was of no relevance to the issue presently being considered.

4. He accepted this explanation. I asked him to call if we could be of any further assistance.

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